

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A print order acceptance system for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the system comprises:

an order acceptance ~~machine which accepts~~ means for accepting digital image data and order information and ~~transfers~~ for transferring the image data and the order information to an image printer; and

a voucher printer which is separate from the image printer and which prints a voucher including thumbnail images as high resolution data and details of an order on the basis of the order information, the thumbnail images corresponding to image data which have been accepted by the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means and have been transferred to the image printer.

2. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printed by the voucher printer is used for ascertaining printouts of images at the time of receipt of printouts of images printed by the image printer on the basis of the image data that have been transferred to the image printer.

3. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine has~~ means further includes means for displaying images on the basis of the accepted image data and transfers, to the image printer, image data pertaining to images selected from the displayed images.

4. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means accepts thumbnail image data as well as the digital image data.

5. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means produces thumbnail image data from the accepted digital image data.

6. (currently amended): A print order acceptance system for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the system comprises:

an order acceptance ~~machine which accepts~~ means for accepting digital image data and order information and ~~transfers~~ for transferring the image data and the order information to an image printer; and

electronic mail transmission means which transmits, after an order for printing image corresponding to the ordered image data has been placed, to a person who has placed an order and in the form of an electronic mail, the order information and thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data of the images which have been accepted by the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means and transferred to the image printer.

7. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine has~~ means further includes means for displaying images on the basis of the accepted image data and transfers, to the image printer, image data pertaining to images selected from the displayed images.

8. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means accepts thumbnail image data as well as the digital image data.

9. (currently amended): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the order acceptance ~~machine~~ means produces thumbnail image data from the accepted digital image data.

10. (previously presented): A print order acceptance method for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

transferring to an image printer ordered image data and order information; and

instructing a voucher printer, which is separate from the image printer, to print a voucher including thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data and details of the order on the basis of the order information, the thumbnail images corresponding to image data which have been transferred to the image printer.

11. (previously presented): A print order acceptance method for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

transferring to an image printer ordered image data and order information; and

transmitting, after the an order for printing images corresponding to the ordered image data has been placed, to a person who has placed the order and in the form of an electronic mail, thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data corresponding to image data which have been transferred to the image printer and the order information.

12. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, wherein the electronic mail is transmitted to the person who has placed the order at a designated electronic address.

13. (previously presented): The print order acceptance method according to claim 11, wherein the electronic mail is transmitted to the person who has placed the order at a designated electronic address.

14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, further comprising a portable cellular phone which displays the thumbnail images transmitted by the electronic mail transmission means.

16. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail images are arranged for an index.

17. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printer prints the voucher on a medium comprising a double weight glossy paper.

18. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printer prints the voucher on a medium comprising a peel-off sticker.

19. (new): The print order acceptance system of claim 1, wherein the order acceptance means accepts the digital image data and order information synchronously in a single transaction.

20. (new): The print order acceptance system of claim 19, wherein the thumbnail images of the voucher correspond only to those images printed as part of said order.

21. (new): The print order acceptance system of claim 6, wherein the order acceptance means accepts the digital image data and order information synchronously in a single transaction and at a common location.

22. (new): The print order method of claim 10, wherein transferring the image data and the order information are performed synchronously in a single transaction.

23. (new): The print order method of claim 11, wherein transferring the image data and the order information are performed synchronously in a single transaction at a common physical location.

24. (new): A print order acceptance system for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the system comprises:

an order acceptance for accepting order information and transferring the order information to an image printer;

an image data acceptance means for accepting image data, synchronously with the acceptable of order information by the order acceptance means, and transferring the image data to the image printer; and

a voucher printer which is separate from the image printer and which prints a voucher including thumbnail images as high resolution data and details of an order on the basis of the order information, the thumbnail images corresponding to image data which have been accepted by the image data acceptance means according to the order information and have been transferred to the image printer.